

On top of the hill: Entrepreneur First opens San Francisco office

Entrepreneur First (EF), the world's first "Talent Investor", has launched a new office in South Park, San Francisco to connect the world's best founder talent with the world's best funding ecosystem.

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San Francisco is known for many things.

The same way ancient heroes' stories were praised and recounted by bards and minstrels, San Francisco's accomplishments and merits have been told in many songs, movies, books, and papers.

Hero made of bricks, steel and hills, this modern Hercules will always survive in the face of eternity, even if only as a beautiful tale, as the city that vied with Atlantis. A land where human and technological achievement go hand in hand, where the word impossible never has nor will ever set foot.

Following the course of its evolution and expansion, like a stream becoming ocean, Entrepreneur First announces the launch of a new office in San Francisco, to connect the world's best founders with the world's best funding ecosystem.

Greener Grass

Founders who have built their companies from scratch with Entrepreneur First in London, Paris, Bangalore and New York will be invited to relocate

to San Francisco following EF's pre-Seed Investment Committee.

The move from EF comes following increased investment into EF's majority European and Asian portfolio from some of the US' top investors. Recent rounds include a16z's investments into Gensyn and Aztec Network, First Round Capital's investment into Omnea, Founder's Fund's investment into Magdrive, Khosla's investments into PolyAI, GenieAI, Mimica, TORTUS and OchreBio and Sequoia's investment into Guided Energy.

Once founders relocate to San Francisco post EF's Investment Committee, they will be matched with a Silicon Valley advisor, attend weekly conversations with experienced founders, operators and investors and pitch to world leading investors at an in-person Demo Day hosted by Reid Hoffman.

"Launching the SF hub is not just about access to the world's best investors, but it's about the 'wet-ware' mental upgrade EF founders will get from being surrounded by a dense ecosystem of ambitious peers." says Alice Bentinck, co-founder and CEO of Entrepreneur First

Best Batch

The inaugural batch are set to be joined by Anna Counselman, Daniel Gross, John Collison, Nat Friedman, Taavet Hinkrus and others as part of the weekly conversation series.

The first San Francisco batch is made up of 25 teams from London, Paris,

Bangalore and New York. These teams are working on everything from non-invasive brain-computer interfaces to decode language-related thought in the brain to Figma for spatial computing.

"Opening our SF hub, and enabling founders from across the EF globe to access our network of SF-based operators and investors, is a huge leap forward in our ability to enable EF founders to realise the true potential of their global ambition" says Matt Clifford, co-founder and Executive Chair of Entrepreneur First.

EF's impressive global roster of backers includes John and Patrick Collison (co-founders of Stripe), Taavet Hinrikus (co-founder of Wise), Reid Hoffman (co-founder of LinkedIn), Matt Mullenweg (co-founder of WordPress), Tom Blomfield (co-founder of Monzo and GoCardless), Nat Friedman (former CEO of Github), Sara Clemens (former COO of Twitch and Pandora), Matt Robinson (co-founder of Nested and GoCardless), Patrick O'Shaughnessy (Positive Sum), Demis Hassabis and Mustafa Suleyman (co-founders of Deepmind), Claire Hughes Johnson, Sten Tamkivi, Elad Gil and Lachy Groom.